

Testimony for Public Hearing
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**HB 5080 AN ACT CONCERNING DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
AND AUTHORIZING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS.**

Good afternoon committee members. My name is Katheryn Rossing, and I am an avid bow hunter in the state of Connecticut. I am writing to ask that you support HB 5080 an act concerning deer management programs on private property and authorizing bow and arrow hunting on private property on Sundays.

As a working professional, I do not have many opportunities to hunt except on the weekends, which at this time only allows me one day per week. The bow and arrow hunting season in the state of Connecticut begins on September 15 (or the following Monday if it falls on Sunday) through December 31. That is a total of 16 weeks. If bow hunting would be allowed on Sundays, that would double my time and allow me 32 opportunities to hunt. I know that there are many other hunters in the state of Connecticut that would benefit from your support of this bill.

Support of this bill would also help manage the whitetail deer population in the state. For example, this past season, I had permission to hunt on four different properties across the state. However, because of the limited time I had I was only able to hunt on one property and only used one of the four tags that I had for the season. If I could hunt on Sundays, I know I would be able to make it to more of the properties, and therefore help manage the whitetail deer population across the state of Connecticut more effectively.

Please consider supporting HB 5080 an act concerning deer management programs on private property and authorizing bow and arrow hunting on private property on Sundays.

Thank you for your time.